not furnish the required data/information, their liabilities would be assessed on the basis of whatever data becomes available from which ever source.

Liability in respect of Dexamethasone

5824. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had failed to determine the liabilty of all the companies, other than M/s. Merind, in respect of Dexamethansone and its formulations;

(b) what are the products, mark up and prices thereof at the time of commecement of DPCO, 1979 and on what price of the bulk drug Dexamethasone were the prices of formulations based;

(c) when were the prices of bulk drug and formulations reduced for each producers under DPCO 1979 and why did they not apply for reduction in price of formulations when the bulk drug was reduced; and

(d) whether it is a fact that producers have been overcharging the consumer and why has the Ministry failed to calculate their liability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) For the purpose of determining liability in respect of bulk drug Dexamethasone under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 the notices were issued to companies manufacturing formulations based on this drug to submit data/information. The liability in respect of M|s. Wyeth Labs. has also been provisionally computed and notice has been sent to the company to deposit the amount into DPEA. The remaining companies have been asked to provide the requisite data/information so that the amounts of liability can be computed. failing which the liabilities will be computed and communicated to the companies on the basis of available information from what ever source.

Fertilizer Plants running in Deficit

5825. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the fertilizer plants are running in deficit;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what corrective measures Government have taken to check the deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Among the central public sector undertakings engaged in the manufacture of fertilizers, the following have been incurring losses:

(i) Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. (HFC)

(ii) Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI)

(iii) Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL).

(iv) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL)

(b) The main reason for the losses suffered by HFC and FCI is low capacity utilisation due to design|equipment deficiencies frequent equipment break downs, prolonged power cuts, ageing of the plants, etc. The main reasons for the losses incurred by PPCL and PPL are reduction in offtake due to increase in the price of the phosphatic fertilizers following decontrol and higher cost of production vis-a-vis the price of imported DAI, PPL has also been burdened with heavy interest on Government loans.

(c) The following steps have been taken to bring down the cost of production of fertilizers in general:

(i) Customs duty on import of capital goods for new fertiizer plants and revamping of old plants has been abolished w.e.f. 23.9.1992.

(ii) Railways freight on phosphatic fertilizers/raw materials and potash has been lowered w.e.f. 4.9.92.

(iii) Customs duty on import of phosphoric acid, which is a raw material for production of DAP, has been abolished w.e.f. 27.8.1992.

(iv) A scheme has been announced for refund of customs duty on plant and equipments imported for fertilizer plants/revamping projects which were commissioned on or after 1.1.1991 and a 3 per cent concession in the interest rate on term loans taken for such projects subject to the ultimate interest rate remaining 12 per cent or above.

(v) A scheme for giving import substitution incentives to encourage use of indigenous rock phosphate and iron pyrites has been announced in February, 1993. Among other companies, PPCL will be benefiting from this scheme as they use iron pyrites for manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers.

Besides, the Government has recently approved a capital restructuring scheme for PPL to bring the company out of the red.

Both HFC and FCI have been declared sick by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). Any action for revival of these two companies would depend on the outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR which is a quasi-judicial authority.

हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन का लक्ष्य

5826. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन ने न तो अपना कोई लक्ष्य ही निर्धारित किया है और न ही उसने लोक उद्यम ब्यूरो द्वारा जारी किये गये दिशा-निर्देशों का पालन किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में जांच करने के बाद किसी अधिकारी पर कोई जिम्मेदारी तय की गई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एड्वर्डो फलेरो) : (क) से (ग) कम्पनी अपने विभिन्न एककों के संबंध में वार्षिक उत्पादन लक्ष्य निर्धारित कर रही है ।

लोक उद्यम ब्यूरो द्वारा जारी दिशा निर्देशों के संबंध में, यह उल्लेखनीय है कि सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों संबंधी समीति (सी०ओ०पी०यू०) ने अपनी 5वीं रिपोर्ट (1991–92) (दसवीं लोक सभा) में टिप्पणी की है कि कम्पनी के सूक्ष्म लक्ष्य तैयार करने के संबंध में बी.पी.ई. द्वारा जारी दिशा-निर्देशों का एच.एफ.सी. ने पालन नहीं किया है । अनुपालन में, कम्पनी ने 10–7–92 को ऐसे लक्ष्य तैयार किये और सी०ओ०पी०यू. द्वारा संबंधित पैरा को छोड़ दिया गया है ।

Amount from International Agencies Voluntary organisation for Bhopal Gas Victims

5827. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Miister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount which the Union Government and the Madhya Pradesh Government had receiv-